

# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

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By: **Senator Gladden**

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Earth Hour**

3 FOR the purpose of recognizing a certain hour on a certain day as Earth Hour; urging  
4 Marylanders to observe Earth Hour; urging the Governor to order that the  
5 lights in the Government House and the State Capitol complex be turned off  
6 during Earth Hour; and generally relating to Earth Hour.

7 WHEREAS, Earth Hour is a global event organized by the World Wide Fund for  
8 Nature and is held annually on the last Saturday in March from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30  
9 p.m.; and

10 WHEREAS, The hour has been designated as Earth Hour to remind everyone  
11 that, by working together, we can make a positive impact in the fight against climate  
12 change; and

13 WHEREAS, 80,000,000 Americans, eight states, and 318 cities, including  
14 Baltimore City and Montgomery Village, are raising awareness and demonstrating  
15 their commitment to supporting this event; and

16 WHEREAS, We set forth a bold vision for Maryland to work towards solutions  
17 to energy and environmental problems and the escalating climate crisis; and

18 WHEREAS, The event asks participating households, businesses, and  
19 governments to turn off all nonessential lighting between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and  
20 9:30 p.m.; and

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EXPLANATION:

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.



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1 WHEREAS, Millions of people in countries around the world have joined this  
2 effort to make a statement of concern regarding global warming and the need for  
3 energy efficiency; and

4 WHEREAS, A number of cities worldwide have saved notable amounts of  
5 energy simply by participating in the event for a single hour; ~~and now, therefore, be it~~

6 ~~WHEREAS, Earth Hour will take place this year on March 27, 2010, between~~  
7 ~~8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; now, therefore, be it~~

8 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the  
9 General Assembly of Maryland recognizes ~~March 27, 2010, annually the last Saturday~~  
10 ~~in March~~ from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. as Earth Hour and urges all Marylanders to  
11 observe Earth Hour and urges the Governor to order that the lights in the  
12 Government House and State Capitol complex be turned off during Earth Hour; and  
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
15 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the  
16 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the  
17 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Approved:

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.